

Adding an ad-hoc Exposure Pathway

[1] It may be necessary to add an Exposure Pathway (EP) outside the scope of an OEHSA. Open the EP folder from the menu tree (a). Select the EPs top link for all them, or a specific media type, then add a new one as needed (b) with the (+).

The screenshot shows the DOEHS-IH EHM system interface. On the left, a menu tree is visible with a box 'a' highlighting the 'Exposure Pathways' link under the 'Environmental Health' section. The main area displays the 'Exposure Pathways' table for 'Base Camp BAGRAM'. A box 'b' highlights the '+ Add New' button in the top right corner of the table. The table has columns for Select, Exposure Pathway ID, Location, Name, Source, Environmental Media, Health Threat, Route of Exposure, Number of Affected Personnel, Priority, Start Date, and Stop Date. One entry is shown with ID 5747, Name 'Burn Pit and incinerator operations', Source 'Burn pit smoke/dust', Environmental Media 'Air', Health Threat 'Particulate and Metals', Route of Exposure 'Inhalation', Number of Affected Personnel '15000', Priority 'Moderate', and Start Date '2013/05/01'.

[2] EPs must be associated to an OEHSA sub-section, even if they are ad-hoc. Complete the EP using the guidance posted here: https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/hrasm/Pages/DOEHRS_Resources.aspx (Exposure Pathway form only [NOV 2014])

The screenshot shows the 'Exposure Pathway - Detail' form. The form is for 'Base Camp BAGRAM' with 'Location Start Date: 2012/08/07' and 'Location Stop Date: (New)'. The 'Exposure Pathway ID' is '(New)'. The 'Applicable OEHSA Section' is 'Site Description - Nearby Industrial Facilities'. The 'Source' is 'Air'. The 'Environmental Media' is 'Air'. The 'Health Threat' is 'Particulate and Metals'. The 'Route of Exposure' is 'Inhalation'. The 'Description of Affected Population' is 'Personnel currently assigned to this Exposure Pathway: 0'. The 'Number of Affected Personnel' is '0'. The 'Existing Controls' and 'Assessment' fields are empty. The 'Duration' is 'Duration Range'. The 'Frequency' is 'Frequency Range'. The 'Start Date' is '2012/08/07' and the 'Stop Date' is '(New)'. The 'Severity' is 'Moderate'. The 'Probability' is 'Moderate'. The 'Priority' is 'Moderate'. The 'Comments' field is empty. A tip box states: 'Tip: Make sure the EP Start Date is before a Sample Start date for association. Stop Dating an EP indicates the EP is no longer present and cannot be used on future samples.'

[3] Use a 'Save and Continue' when finished to get an EP ID, then use a 'Save' to exit the page and go back to Step 1. Use the 'Save and Copy As Another EP' for quick entry for similar EPs.

The screenshot shows the 'Exposure Pathway - Detail' form with the 'Save and Continue' button highlighted. The 'Location' is 'BAGRAM', 'Location Start Date' is '2012/08/07', and 'Location Stop Date' is '(New)'. The 'Exposure Pathway ID' is '5747'. The 'Save and Continue' button is highlighted in a box.

Note: EPs created in this manner will NOT automatically be added to an OEHSA or Sample, but EPs that are edited will be updated on the OEHSA and Samples they are associated with.